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SUBJECT: MADRID PRESS REACTION CARTER PARIS VISIT

1. JANUARY 5 MADRID PRESS HEADLINES "POPULAR SUCCESS OF CARTER IN PARIS"(ABC),"ELECTORAL SUPPORT FOR GISCARD" (IMPARCIAL),"CARTER PROPOSES A NEW ORDER FOR DEMOCRACY" (ARRIBA).
 2. ABC(CONSERVATIVE) PARIS CORRESPONDENT ENRIQUE LABORDE WRITES: "BUT THE WELCOMING CEREMONY FOUND ITS HIGHEST AND MOST ELOQUENT EXPRESSION WHEN...THE TWO PRESIDENTS WENT TO THE ARC DE TRIUMPH, WHERE JIMMY CARTER PLACED FLOWERS ON THE TOMB OF THE UNKOWN SOLDIER. BUT THE GREAT SURPRISE TOOK PLACE AT THE END OF THIS CEREMONY. INSTEAD OF ENTERING THEIR OFFICIAL VEHICLES, THE TWO PRESIDENTS
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WALKED DOWN THE CHAMPES ELYSEES TO THE ACCLAIM OF THE MULTITUDE...THE SHOUTS 'HURRAY JIMMY' DID NOT STOP FOR A MOMENT...

3. "IN THE HALL OF THE PALAIS DU CONGRES...THE PRESIDENT WAS RECEIVED WITH GREAT APPLAUSE ALTHOUGH ALL THOSE PRESENT...WERE PREOCCUPIED BY A BLACK DAY AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE, AND WITH A DOLLAR WHOSE SPECTACULAR DESCENT

CONTINUES ALARMINGLY. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, THE WORDS OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT WERE AWAITED WITH SOMETHING MORE THAN A LOGICAL INTEREST, RATHER, WITH TRUE ANXIETY.

4."JIMMY CARTER PROPOSED BEFORE THIS AUDIENCE OF SPECIALISTS AND FROM THE EUROPEAN PULPIT OF PARIS A NEW ORDER OF THE DAY FOR THE DEMOCRACIES, WITH THE GOAL OF MAKING THEM ABLE TO CONFRONT THE CHALLENGE OF A WORLD IN CHANGE...HERE ARE HIS FIVE POINTS: FIRST, MAKE GOVERNMENTS MORE RESPONSIBLE TO AND UNITED WITH THE LIVES OF CITIZENS; SECOND, BRING ABOUT A CONTINUING COOPERATION :THAT ACCEPTS THE INDIVIDUALITY OF EACH NATION...THIRD, GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF THE WEST...FOURTH, THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS THE UNITY AND STRENGTH OF EUROPE AS A BENEFIT TO HER AND NOT A THREAT; FIFTH IS THE NECESSITY OF COOPERATION WITH THE GOAL OF ADAPTING THE WESTERN COUNTRIES TO THE NEW WORLD REALITIES...

5. "IT CAN BE SAID WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT THAT THIS SPEECH BY JIMMY CARTER HAS BEEN TRULY IMPORTANT...THIS TRANQUIL MAN WHO IS JIMMY CARTER TONIGHT WON THE CONFIDENCE OF EUROPE THAT SHOULD FEEL COMFORTED AND PRIVILEGED BY THE ACTIVE PRESENCE OF AN ALLY LIKE THE UNITED STATES."

6. EL PAIS (INDEPENDENT LIBERAL LEFT) PARIS CORRESPONDENT FELICIANO FIDALGO ALSO CONTRIBUTES A LONG AND FAVORABLE REPORT ON THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT AND QUOTES SEGMENTS OF HIS SPEECH. YA (CATHOLIC CENTRIST) ALOS UNDERLINES THE UNCLASSIFIED

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POSITIVE NATURE OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARIS VISIT AND STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS PALAIS DU CONGRES SPEECH.RYLANC

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